Recovery of Penal Rent from the Railway employees

201. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a penal rent at the rate of three times of the normal rent is being recovered from the railway employees even after the regular allotment of quarters;

(b) if so, the number of such cases in Palghat and Trivandrum Division of the Southern Railway;

(c) whether it is a fact that in case of the retired employees, besides the penal rent of six times of the normal rent, their retirement passes are also being withheld; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Penal rent is not being charged for any period of regular allotment.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes Sir, However, the prescribed penal rent for unauthorised retention by retired employees varies from place to place, the highest penal rent being 5 times the pooled assessed rent, or 10 per cent of the emoluments, whichever is higher.

(d) To curb the tendency for unauthorised retention of Railway quarters.

Computerised Reservation in Delhi

202. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to find out the results of computerised reservation in Delhi;

(b) whether there is any programme for covering more trains in Delhi under the computerisation programmes; and

(c) the names of the cities which are proposed to be covered under the above scheme and by when?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Madam; These have indicated that the computerised system has brought about an improvement in service time at the counters, decrease in queue lengths and a general improvement in efficiency. Certain inconveniences were, however, caused during the transition phase from manual to the computerised system which continue to be removed.

(b) Yes, Madam. Under the computerisation scheme for Delhi, it is planned to cover all trains on which reservations are made in Delhi.

(c) It is proposed to start work on computerisation of passenger reservations in Bombay and Calcutta also during the financial year 1986-87.

Allotment of bookstalls to M/s. Wheeler and Company

203. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one vending/catering contractor is authorised to hold two units only as per rule;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a single book stall contractor is authorised to hold five to twelve bookstalls (not unit) only including unemployed graduates; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons that one firm of contractors namely M/s.